Toronto Trades and Labour Council.

TO THE ADVERTISING PATRONS OF THE "EVENING TELEGRAM."

April 12, 1882.

Dear Sir—

At the last regular meeting of the above Council, held on Friday evening, the 7th inst., the following resolution was unanimously carried:—

"*Whereas*, The laws of our land recognise the rights and privileges of every citizen, and legalize the formation by the working classes of associations for mutual protection and support, and the press claims to be the advocate of right and the censor of wrong,—Be it therefore

"*Resolved*, That the action of John Ross Robertson, proprietor of the *Evening Telegram*, in discharging three of his employees because they belonged to Toronto Typographical Union, deserves our severest censure. Be it further

"*Resolved*, That we, the representatives of the various Trades Unions comprising this Trades and Labour Council, agree not to buy the *Evening Telegram*, nor patronize any merchant who advertises in it, and that we use all legitimate means to induce our fellow unionists to follow our example, as the discharge of these men was a blow at trades unionism, and as such should be resented by all unionists."

We desire to bring before your notice the fact that the Toronto Trades and Labour Council is composed of duly qualified representatives from every branch of industry in the city, at present numbering about six thousand (6,000) Union men, who have PLEDGED themselves to the above resolution. As the proprietor of the *Evening Telegram* has long been the enemy of Unionism, and has recently discharged several of his employees for simply connecting themselves with a labour organization, and on many occasions spoken in the most sneering manner of those engaged in the capacity of wage-workers, we feel the time has come when the workingmen of the City of Toronto must rise up in their strength to meet one who has thus slandered them in their legitimate calling, and who would stoop to any measure, no matter how low or debasing, to keep the working men from receiving a just remuneration for their honest labour. We trust that you will see the justice and necessity of the above resolution, and that henceforth your name will not appear before the public in the columns of a paper whose proprietor is antagonistic to the temporal welfare of the wealth-producing community, who are struggling for an honest living, and that you will transfer your advertising patronage to such papers as recognize and uphold the rights of all labour combinations.

Signed on behalf of the Trades Council of Toronto.

THOMAS WILSON,
President.

J. H. ROSE,
Secretary.

DS 108654